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RATES DISCUSSED

Mayor Presents Communications From Various Illinois Cities.

EXPERT TO EXAMINE BOOKS

Council Requests Merchants and Labor Union Men to Act—Proposed Advance Saloon License.

Something more tangible developed last night at the council meeting in the telephone question. The mayor had made inquiry by telegraph of various cities in Illinois of about the size of Rock Island and had received answer from most of them. Among these were East St. Louis, Quincy, Decatur, where the greater difference was found. In presenting these to the council he explained the principle in telephone business, that the larger the population and exchange, the higher the price of service must be, and said that he did not know whether the telephone company figured on Rock Island as a unit or whether the tri-cities composed the unit.

Tri-Cities the Unit.
Mr. Rottger of the Central Union company in answer said that they do figure the tri-cities as the unit, as the demand is principally for tri-city service, although they now have a rate for Rock Island and Moline service. As to East St. Louis it was explained that the service and rate there is for East St. Louis alone, and every time they want to talk to St. Louis parties it costs 10 cents. In Decatur there is a rate of \$48 on an exchange of 1,800 phones. The rate for Rock Island and Moline is the same on an exchange of 3,200 phones, but it is \$60 for the tri-cities on an exchange of over 8,000 phones. In Quincy the rate was cheaper than in Rock Island, but it is on a service of 2,000 as against the 8,000 here. In Peoria the business rate is the same as it is here and the individual rate is \$6 more than it is here, although the exchange there is less than 7,000, and here it is over 8,000.

Goes Over One Week.
By common consent of the council the whole matter was allowed to go over for one week, it being stated by the aldermen that this is a large proposition, one that they have been working on night and day for weeks and months, and it is their desire that the people become familiar with the ordinance as proposed before it is up for final passage. They realize that the people are now where the aldermen stood three months ago, before they had given so much attention to the question. Each point has been fought out on the floor of the council chamber until now, with the exception of the labor clause, and possibly the rate clause, the ordinance is practically ready for adoption.

Want Constituents Informed.
It was their expressed desire that the people be informed on the matter before action was taken, as they are aware of the difference of opinion that exists.

Ald. Sexton stated that he had not changed his opinion in the matter; that he stood for the passage of the ordinance, but as he had received protests from his constituents he thought it advisable to give more time to the matter. It was his opinion that with education on the subject the prejudice heretofore held by both aldermen and people would disappear.

Alderman Eckhart said that the representations of the aldermen had been misrepresented without cause and upon a misrepresentation of the facts; that he had been one of the hardest fighters against the company and was not through with it yet and he thought there was time enough for besmirching reputations after the council had done wrong, if it does do wrong.

Ald. Wilson said that there was no ground for the assertion that the whole thing had been agreed to; that it was left open until that evening when it was expected that all the aldermen would be present and have an opportunity to offer any amendments desired.

Secret Sessions.
Ald. Wilson also referred to the secret sessions in a committee of the whole, in which the mayor, city clerk and city attorney all took part. He explained, and his explanation was substantiated by other aldermen and the representatives of the company, that a committee asked permission to go over the books of the corporation. This permission was given with the proviso that such information as was gained in the search through the private affairs of the company should be for the information of the council alone and not be given publication. The committee did investigate and it was this report that was made in private and secret session. The representatives of the company stated publicly that it was at their request that these sessions were held.

Rate Clause.
The rate clause as practically agreed upon by the aldermen present at the meeting Saturday night provides that Rock Island shall have the same rates as cities of the same size and character for the same class of service (meaning individual or party lines); but the city does not waive the right to fix the rates provided any subsequent act of the legislature grants to cities this right.

Hear W. C. Maucker.
W. C. Maucker, rating book secretary of the Retail Merchants' association,

was present before the discussion was over, having just come from a meeting of that association, where the telephone question was under discussion. He was called upon to speak in his official capacity. He said that he could not speak for the association and could only express his own opinion and those of others whom he had heard on the subject. He said it was his idea that the council was giving a great deal and getting practically nothing in return. He intimated that there had been a wonderful change of front on the part of the council and indicated that it was his belief that although the committee had gone through the books of the company they did not know much more about them.

Answered by Mr. Mann.
Immediately upon the close of Mr. Maucker's remarks, W. B. Mann, counsel for the company, told him that he wanted the Retail Merchants' association to name a committee or select any other person to come to the office of the Central Union Telephone company and examine the books as the members of the council had done.

The aldermen then took the matter up and Ald. Eckhart said that now that these charges had been made it was up to the people making them to make good. With this a resolution was passed requesting the Retail Merchants' association and the labor organizations to name a committee of three from each to secure an expert and go over the books and report the finding at the next meeting of the council, Monday evening.

Compromise Ordinance.
It was explained by the mayor what the beginning of this controversy was and what the developments had been and that the conclusion as near as it had been reached was a compromise. This point was also emphasized by City Attorney Olson. Each side as presumed that it would win in the courts if the case were taken there, but in order to avoid the litigation of years an attempt had been made to get together on an ordinance. The one before the council was the fourth one since the original rights were given to the Central Union Telephone company, all of these having been submitted in the present controversy.

To Raise Saloon Licenses.
The mayor announced his intention to offer an ordinance to the council increasing the amount of the saloon licenses from \$500 to \$1,000. His reasons for this movement were not stated but will probably be forthcoming with the ordinance at which time it will be more fully discussed.

He also made a recommendation that a board of health be created and announced his intention of having an ordinance introduced to this end.

Replies from various fire alarm manufacturers were submitted, all of which indicated that they would lease a system to become the property of the city on certain terms of payment. This matter was placed in the hands of the fire and light and finance committees.

LEAVE IS GIVEN TO MISS RAMSER

Bethany Home Superintendent Will Spend Three Months in Study in East.

At the meeting of the board of directors of the Bethany Protective association, last evening at Bethany home, Miss Dena Ramser, the superintendent of the institution, on request, was granted a three months' leave of absence. Miss Ramser will go east for the purpose of making a special study of this work.

The question of selecting and authorizing field workers to solicit funds for the institution in adjoining counties, was discussed, and referred to a committee. The report for the month showed sufficient funds on hand to meet the expenses of the month. A report was made showing that \$200 had been added to the funds by the musical entertainment given in Rock Island for the home. No report was made of the Moline entertainment.

PERSONAL POINTS.

H. C. Lage is in Muscatine on business today.

H. G. Churchill returned this morning from Chicago.

Mrs. I. N. Bopes and children of Taylor Ridge leave tonight for Aberdeen, S. D., to join Mr. Bopes.

J. M. Siegel left at noon today for Philadelphia, to purchase stock for his new store in Davenport.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Krell have returned from California where they have been for seven weeks.

Neil Moony, general western passenger agent of the West Shore, and H. S. Haskins, traveling passenger agent of the same road; C. D. Smith, traveling passenger agent of the Canadian Pacific; C. A. David, traveling passenger agent of the Union Pacific; and F. L. Stayner, general agent of the Chicago & Northwestern were in the city today, calling on local railway men.

Token for Dudley.
C. E. Dudley, retiring trainmaster of the Galesburg division of the Burlington road, was presented with a beautiful emblematic watch charm by the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen at Galesburg Sunday.

Boards in Session.
The board of directors of the Modern Woodmen of America is in session at the head office and the board of the Royal Neighbors is also here.

OLDEST IN COUNTY

Christian Olsen, Pioneer of Norwegians in Rock Island, Passes Away.

LIVED HERE SINCE YEAR 1853

Veteran of Civil War—First Lived on Site of the Old Harper's Theater.

Christian Olsen, believed to be the oldest native of Norway in Rock Island county, died at 4:30 this morning at his home, 2618 Seventh avenue of bronchitis and infirmities attendant upon old age. He had been a resident of the county for over half a century. His illness began last fall, but he had been bedfast but a week.

Born in Christiania, Norway, in 1827, Mr. Olsen was married in his native land and came to America and direct to Rock Island with his wife in 1853. He first took up his residence on what was afterward the site of the old Harper's theater, now Ciemann & Salzmann's furniture store. The family has lived here ever since with the exception of three years during which they were at Lawrence, Kan. The husband followed the trade of carpenter.

Mr. Olsen enlisted from this city in Company G, 43d Illinois Volunteers in the civil war and fought throughout that struggle, taking part in many battles. Surviving are the widow and two sons, William A. Olsen, of Moline, and John A. Olsen, of this city. The funeral will be held at the home Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Cannam.
Mrs. Rebecca Taylor and Mrs. Eliza Benn, of this city, have returned from Illinois City, where they attended the funeral of their father, Burman Cannam, whose death occurred last week. The funeral services were held from the Methodist Episcopal church at Illinois City, conducted by Rev. Mr. Shepard. Burial took place at the Illinois City cemetery, the remains being laid by the side of those of Mrs. Cannam, whose death occurred July 26, 1889. The pallbearers were Thomas Vanatta, Wyn France, Leonard McGinnis, James Johnson, George Ranch, and Gileon Reed.

Mr. Cannam was the last of a family of five children. He was born at Huntingdon, England, Oct. 11, 1827, being over 78 years of age at the time of his death. In 1848, the year of his marriage in England, he came to the United States, and for a time resided at Lockport, N. Y. In 1854 he removed to Milan, then Camden Mills, and remained at the village until 1878, when he removed to a farm in Buffalo Prairie township. In England Mr. Cannam was a member of the Lutheran church, but on removing to Milan he became a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Besides his two daughters in Rock Island, he is survived by two sons, John L. Cannam, of Illinois City, at whose home he died, and William, of Milan. He leaves 13 grandchildren, and six great grandchildren.

Mrs. Josephine A. Swan.
Mrs. Josephine A. Swan died yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harry Means, in Rural. She was nearly 64 years of age, and had resided in Rock Island county about 25 years. Death was due to pneumonia.

Mrs. Swan was born in Pennsylvania, coming to this county from that state. She is survived by five children: William, in Pennsylvania; Mrs. Jingle Cox, in Iowa; Mary and Burton, in Wyoming; and Mrs. Harry Means, in Rural. She leaves also an adopted daughter, Miss Irene Swan, of Rural. Funeral services will be held tomorrow morning. Burial will take place at the Chipplannock cemetery.

TAILORS' SOCIAL SESSION

Secretary Carlson of the International Union is Heard.

The tailors' unions of the three cities gathered at the Turner hall last evening, and enjoyed a social session and smoker. Mr. Carlson, of Bloomington, secretary to President Lennon, of the International tailors' union, addressed the meeting, and brief talks were made by officials of the local organizations. The meeting was attended by a large representation of the membership of the union in the three cities. Mr. Carlson spent today in Rock Island and Davenport, calling on members of the organization. He returns home this evening.

SUNDAY CONVERTED 2,319

Revival at Princeton, Town of 5,000, Establishes a Record.

The total number of conversions by Evangelist William Sunday at Princeton, where day night, was 2,319. This establishes a record for a city of the size of Princeton, which boasts of but 5,000 inhabitants. The whole of Bureau county has been profoundly agitated and the meetings were attended largely from other towns and from the country.

South Rock Island Democrats to Meet.

The democrats of South Rock Island are to meet at the town hall, Thursday evening at 8 o'clock for the purpose of nominating candidates for township officers and attending to such other business as may be in order.

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SOCIAL AFFAIRS.

[Society news, written or telephoned to the society editor of The Argus, will be gladly received and published. But in either case the identity of the sender must be made known, to insure reliability. Written notices should bear signature and address.]

Entertain for Guest.—Mrs. W. J. Sweeney and Mrs. L. M. Copp entertained a company of ladies yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Sweeney, 1022 Twenty-first street, in honor of Mrs. Hartwell of Minneapolis. Six-handed euchre was the afternoon's diversion and four tables were surrounded at the game. Pink and white carnations and grocery were used with pleasing effect throughout the home as decorations. After the game luncheon was served.

Licensed to Wed.
Hugh R. McAfee,.....Taylor Ridge
Susie E. Fox.....Taylor Ridge

Davenport Election.

In the school election in Davenport yesterday, W. R. Weir, and Theodore Hartz were elected. Mr. Hartz was an independent candidate, not being nominated on the regular ticket. With the aid of the German-Americans of the west end he defeated Dr. J. W. Watzek, nominated on the regular ticket, polling 1,200 votes.

RELAPSE OF WINTER HERE

Snow and More Snow, and More Cold Weather Promised.

A relapse of winter is at hand. It is in rather more pronounced form than was manifested during the months of December, January and February, when it was supposed to have been chronic, and is therefore going rather hard with the public. Following upon yesterday's cold spell, which was within 10 degrees of the lowest point of the winter, today's snow storm seems to be one of the most general of the season. Forecaster Sherier has little that is alluring to hold out, promising more snow tonight and tomorrow and continued cold.

One More Pleads.

Ferdinand Gross pleaded guilty this morning in the county court to violation of the liquor laws by keeping open on Sunday. He paid the schedule rate, \$10 and costs.

Hint to Lay in Coal Supply.

This weather with the prospect of a coal strike may serve as a hint to people whose coal pile is running low, to lay in a sufficient supply to tide them over should something happen. For no man knows how long misguided winter may linger in the lap of spring.

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